

JAN 16 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lenz

Serial No.: 09/477,236

Filed: January 4, 2000

For: PROTECTIVE COATINGS FOR MEDICAL
DEVICES

Examiner: John D. Yasko

Group Art Unit: 3763

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PATENT

130
JAN 24 2001
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM
RECEIVED

Docket No.: S63.2-7531

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

30
10/1/08
Page 5, line 17, delete "of the present invention".

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 21-22.

- 21. A method of preventing aneurysm formation in a protective balloon coating which overlays a pinhole in the balloon wall, the method comprising providing side venting relief edges throughout the coating whereby pinholes occurring under the coating between said relief edges will vent sideways to said relief edges when the balloon is pressurized.
22. The method of claim 21 wherein the coating is a uniform discontinuous pattern coating.--

REMARKS

Restriction has been required between the patentably distinct species of Figures 1, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The basis of distinction has not been stated but is deduced to be as follows: